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## **AMENDMENT**

Applicants now respond to the Office Action mailed December 29, 2000. The period for reply has been extended three (3) months by the Petition for Three Month Extension of Time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding rejections. Please amend the application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-57 and 69-74 without prejudice or disclaimer.

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